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In re Application of :
Mangla, Dellinger, Erickson, Hayes, : DECISION ACCORDING STATUS
Maslach, and Spencer : UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)
Application No. 10/616,733 :
Filed: 10 July, 2003 :
Atty Docket No. 47097-00958USPR :

This is in response to the petition filed under 37 CFR 1.47(a) on 5 March, 2004 (certificate of mailing date 27 February, 2004).

The petition is GRANTED.


Petitioners have shown that the non-signing inventor could not be reached to sign the declaration. Specifically, petitioners have shown that a copy of the application was sent via email to the non-signing inventor, but no response was received. Additionally, a letter was sent to the last known address of the non-signing inventor, but was returned as undeliverable. Despite diligent efforts, the non-signing inventor could not be located.

The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

As provided in Rule 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the address given in the petition, not the Declaration. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

After this decision is mailed, the application will be forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 703-308-6918.


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In re Application of
Mangla et al.
Application No. 10/616,733
Filed: 10 July, 2003
For: VENTED CONTAINER WITH HANDLES AND EMBOSSEMENT

Dear Mr. Dellinger:

You are named as a joint inventor in the above identified United States patent application, filed under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 116 (United States Code), and 37 CFR 1.47(a), Rules of Practice in Patent Cases. Should a patent be granted on the application you will be designated therein as a joint inventor.

As a named inventor you are entitled to inspect any paper in the file wrapper of the application, order copies of all or any part thereof (at a prepaid cost per 37 CFR 1.19) or make your position of record in the application. Alternatively, you may arrange to do any of the preceding through a registered patent attorney or agent presenting written authorization from you. If you care to join the application, counsel of record (see below) would presumably assist you. Joining in the application would entail the filing of an appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63.

Telephone inquiries regarding this communication should be directed to the undersigned at 703/308-6918. Requests for information regarding your application should be directed to the File Information Unit at 703/308-2733. Information regarding how to pay for and order a copy of the application, or a specific paper in the application, should be directed to Certification Division at 703/308-9726 or 1-800-972-6382 (outside the Washington D.C. area).

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